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SUBJ: EC STATISTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT OF STR OFFICIAL (STEPHEN LANDE),
WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS OF EC STATISTICAL OFFICE DISCUSSED WITH
US STATISTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
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NEGOTIATIONS (MTN).

2. SILVIO RONCHETTI, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL STATISTICS, AND ROLF SANNWALD, OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE MTN PROJECT, DISCLOSED THAT EC IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DATA BASE PREPARATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICAL AND COMPUTER ROUTINES. ACCORDING TO RONCHETTI, HIS OFFICE IS CHARGED WITH SETTING UP THE DATA BASE AND STATISTICAL ROUTINES SO AS TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO DIRECTIVES FROM PHAN VAN PHI IN BRUSSELS.

3. RONCHETTI INDICATED THAT THE TRADE DATA BASE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE 4-DIGIT BRUSSELS NOMENCLATURE (BTN) LEVEL IN ORDER TO BE COMPARABLE WITH DATA ALREADY COMPLIED BY THE GATT. MOST OF THE DATA FOR THE ORIGINAL SIX WILL BE AGGREGATED FROM NIMEXE DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE IN SANNWALD'S OFFICE, ALTHOUGH RONCHETTI INDICATED THAT HE HAS HAD TO REQUEST DATA FROM THE GATT FOR THE THREE NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

4. SANNWALD SAID THAT HIS OFFICE WILL CONCENTRATE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON TRADE AND TARIFF DATA AND WILL ESCHEW STUDIES INVOLVING ELASTICITIES, PRICES, GNP AND OTHER MACRO DATA. STATISTICAL AND COMPUTER ROUTINES WILL FOCUS ON ANALYZING OFFERS AND CONCESSIONS MADE DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. SANNWALD INDICATED THAT HIS EMPHASIS WILL BE ON RESPONDING QUICKLY TO VARIOUS NEGOTIATING FORMULAS SUCH AS DISPARITIES AND STAGED REDUCTIONS. TARIFF PROFILES WILL ALSO BE ANALYZED.

5. WHEN ASKED IF THIS CAPABILITY WOULD INCLUDE SOME TYPE OF DIRECT COMPUTER COMMUNICATION WITH GENEVA, RONCHETTI INDICATED THAT THE EC DID NOT AT THIS TIME PLAN TO USE SUCH FACILITIES SINCE THE CONNECTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE THREE WAY BETWEEN GENEVA, BRUSSELS AND LUXEMBOURG.

6. RONCHETTI AND SANNWALD BOTH EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BEING KEPT INFORMED OF US PREPARATIONS AND IN EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS ON STATISTICAL WORK PROGRAM FOR MTN. TARNOFF

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